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1. EMBASSY INFORMED WILMSHURST (FCO ENERGY DEPARTMENT)
OF THE US APPROACH TO COMMISSION AND SUBSTANCE OF THE
U.S. POSITION ON THE EURATOM--IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT.
HE SAID THE UK DEPLORES THE DELAYS IN BRUSSELS AND HOPES
THAT EURATOM NONNUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WILL DO THEIR
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BEST TO PASS THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WILMSHURST VOLUNTEERED THAT THE UK HAS REMINDED ALL
CONCERNED IN BRUSSELS THAT THE UK HAS A SEPARATE AGREE-
MENT WITH IAEA WHICH IT HOPES TO BRING INTO FORCE
TOWARD THE END OF 1977. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT

SIX MONTHS TO DRAW UP THE SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITY ATTACHMENTS AND THEN PASS THE REQUIRED UK LEGISLATION. HE OBSERVED THAT AS A WEAPONS STATE THE UK CANNOT AGREE TO THE IDEA OF HARMONIZED LEGISLATION WHICH HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD BY SOME.

3. WILMSHURST DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH THE MEMBER STATES ON THE U.S. AIDE MEMOIRE OR INFORM THEM AFTER IT HAS GIVEN A FORMAL REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ABOUT THE PROSPECTIVE CANADIAN CUT OFF OF EXPORTS TO THE UK AND FRANCE AS WELL AS THE OTHER EURATOM STATES' WILMSHURST SAID THAT HMG IS ASKING THE CANADIANS SPECIFICALLY TO RECONSIDER THE CUT OFF TO THE UK SINCE IT IS A WEAPONS STATE AND HAS SPECIAL AGENCY SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENTS.

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